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For: METAL CARRIER FOR A CATALYST

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

October 1, 2002

Sir:

This is a REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, the provisions of which do not apply to:

(1) a provisional application; (2) an application for a utility or plant patent filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) before June 8, 1995; (3) an international application filed under 35 U.S.C. §363 before June 8, 1995; (4) an application for a design patent; or (5) a patent under reexamination.

Submission of an RCE is limited to an application in which prosecution is closed, e.g., final rejection, *Ex Parte Quayle*, or Notice of Allowability.

This Request for Continued Examination is being filed prior to the earliest of:

(1) payment of the issue fee, unless a petition under §1.313 is granted; (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) filing of a Notice of Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. §§145 or 146, unless the appeal or civil action is terminated.

The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.8.

The enclosed document is being transmitted via facsimile.

**Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:**

Enter as part of the present submission:

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 filed September 4, 2002, but unentered.

Arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .

Reply Under Rule 1.111, attached hereto.

Claim fee(s) are calculated as set forth below:

	TOTAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	TOTAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS BEING FILED HEREWITH	<u>NUMBER EXTRA</u>	Large Entity		Small Entity	
				Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	20	12	0	X 13	\$	X 9	\$
Independent Claims	4	4	0	X 84	\$	X 42	\$
TOTAL CLAIM FEE(S)						\$0.00	

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449 form(s) is/are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

Other:

**Miscellaneous**

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of ( ) months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months.)

**Fees**

The required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed, is enclosed herewith:

\$370.00 - small entity

\$740.00 - large entity

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Applicants hereby request a one-month extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.17 and 1.136(a). The fee is calculated as shown below:

No extensions of time have been obtained. Thus, a \$110 fee is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.

An extension of ( ) month(s) was previously requested and paid for on in the instant application. Thus, a fee of \$0.00 is required to obtain an additional ( ) month(s) extension.

The fee of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) for suspension of action is enclosed.

Enclosed are checks in the total amount of \$850 for the applicable filing and extension fees.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,  
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